PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

Toshiya OHTOMO et al.

Application No.: 09/139,296

Filed: August 25, 1998

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No.: 101809.01

Group Art Unit: 2852 285)

Examiner: S. Virmani H. Nguyen

STAGE UNIT, DRIVE TABLE, AND SCANNING EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING SAME For:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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A statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is attached.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a statement previously submitted.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		
TOTAL CLAIMS	31 MINUS	27	=4		
INDEP CLAIMS	9 MINUS	7	=2		
☐ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					

SMALL ENTITY				
RATE	ADD'L FEE			
x 9	\$			
x 39	\$			
+130	\$			
	\$			

SMALL ENTITY				
<u>OR</u>	RATE	ADD'L FEE		
	x 18	\$ 72		
	x 78	\$156		
<u>OR</u>	+260	\$		
		\$228		

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Check No. 65083 in the amount of \$228.00 is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

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For:

101809.01

Responsibility for prosecution of this application recently has been transferred to the undersigned attorney's firm. A Power of Attorney to attorneys for the undersigned's firm was filed November 23, 1998.

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 11, 16, 19 and 27 as follows:

BI (Amended) A scanning exposure apparatus which moves a mask with respect to a projection optical system while illuminating said mask on which a transfer pattern is formed and synchronously moves a photosensitive substrate with respect to said projection optical system, thereby projecting and exposing said pattern on said mask onto said substrate

through said projection optical system, comprising:

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